



U.S. Attorneys (USA)

FY 2012 Budget Request at a Glance

FY 2011 CR:	\$1,934.0 million (10,629 positions; 5,451 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$62.3 million
Program Changes:	-\$1.2 million
FY 2012 Budget Request:	\$1,995.1 million (10,676 positions; 5,480 attorneys)
Change From FY 2011 CR:	+\$61.1 million (+3.2%) (+47 positions; +29 attorneys)

Mission:

The United States Attorneys (USAs) serve as the nation's principal litigators under the direction of the Attorney General. Their offices bring criminal prosecutions, pursue civil penalties, defend federal programs and guard the financial interests of the United States in court. They also provide advice and counsel to the Attorney General and senior policy leadership through the Attorney General's Advisory Committee (AGAC) and its various subcommittees. The Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys provides the USAs with general executive assistance and direction, policy development, administrative management direction and oversight, operational support, training and coordination with other components of the Department and other federal agencies.

Resources:

The FY 2012 budget request for USA totals \$1,995.1 million, which is a 3.2 percent increase from the FY 2011 CR.

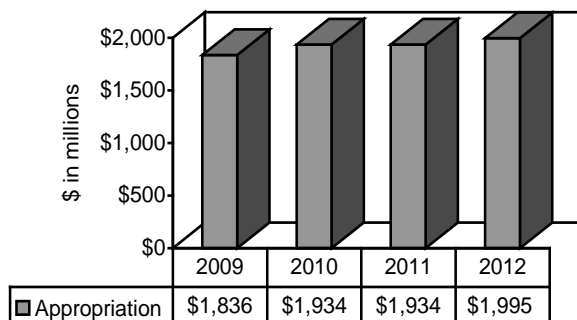
Organization:

There are 93 U.S. Attorneys located throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. U.S. Attorneys are appointed by, and serve at the discretion of, the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. One U.S. Attorney is assigned to each of the judicial districts, with the exception of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands where a single U.S. Attorney serves both districts. Each U.S. Attorney is the chief federal law enforcement officer of the U.S. within his or her particular jurisdiction. The Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys was created on April 6, 1953, by AG Order 8-53, to provide for close liaison between the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, and the 93 U.S. Attorneys.

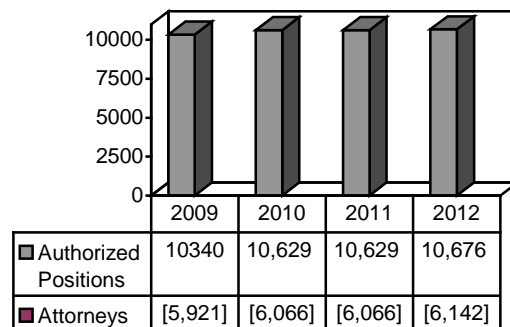
Personnel:

USA's direct authorized positions for FY 2012 total 10,676, of which 5,480 are attorneys. In addition, 662 attorneys are provided on a reimbursable basis, for a total of 6,142 attorneys. USA's FY 2012 request includes an increase of 47 positions, including 29 attorneys, over the FY 2011 CR of 10,629 direct authorized positions.

Funding (FY 2009 - 2012)



Personnel (FY 2009 - 2012)



*Includes reimbursable attorneys

FY 2012 Strategy:

In FY 2012, the United States Attorneys will continue to investigate and prosecute the diverse workload of criminal cases brought by the Federal Government and will continue to initiate and defend civil actions to assert and protect the interests of the United States.

The diverse criminal and civil workload includes cases in international and domestic terrorism; child exploitation and obscenity; firearms and violent crime; gangs and organized crime, complex and time-consuming fraud – including health care, identity theft, public corruption, bank and investment frauds; environmental crimes, including oil spill related frauds; gangs and drug enforcement; and human trafficking. Additionally in FY 2012, the United States Attorneys will continue to focus recently provided criminal prosecutorial resources on financial crimes related to the nation's current financial ills, including mortgage and corporate fraud; southwest border enforcement and Indian Country prosecution efforts. Further, the United States Attorneys will continue collection efforts of both criminal and civil debt. In FY 2010, as a result of these debt collection efforts, the United States Attorneys collected a total of \$6.68 billion.

Caseload for financial fraud is expected to continue to increase in FY 2012 substantially due to the troubled mortgage industry, investment schemes uncovered by a declining market, and the potential misuse of funds disbursed under the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) and the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). The United States Attorneys' Offices must proactively deter financial fraud activities that accompany the financial recovery program. Increased southwest border enforcement efforts will require continued efforts of United States Attorneys' Offices throughout the country to enforce immigration law and combat and deter southwest border related crime, especially involving cross border drug trafficking and gun violence. Indian Country prosecution efforts will continue to focus on curbing the rate of violent crime, and combating illegal drug distribution and manufacturing in Indian Country.

The United States Attorneys will continue to adapt and maintain flexibility to meet the unique circumstances and varied caseloads within each district. We will continue to focus on areas within our spheres of influence and control, concentrating on coordination efforts with state, local, and federal agencies.

FY 2012 Program Changes:

Enhance Data Analysis: \$2.0 million and 0 positions
Resources are requested to analyze data to identify and assess cost-effective crime reduction strategies. The additional funding will be used by the U.S. Attorneys to ensure that law enforcement investigations are conducted in a manner that leads to strong case presentation and results in effective prosecutions, thereby improving the effectiveness of all of the Department's law enforcement activities. The requested enhancement will enable the U.S. Attorneys to work with the Bureau of Justice Statistics and a broader community of interest to expand the use of data analysis techniques and to quantitatively assess the impacts of different crime reduction programs. There are no current services for this initiative.

Program Offset - Administrative efficiencies: -\$2.0 million and 0 positions

The Department is continually evaluating its programs and operations with the goal of achieving across-the-board economies of scale that result in increased efficiencies and cost savings. In FY 2012, the Department is focusing on areas in which savings can be achieved, which include, but are not limited to: printing, publications, travel, conferences, supplies, and general equipment. For U.S. Attorneys, these administrative efficiencies will result in an offset of \$1.999 million.

Program Offset - Extend Tech Refresh: -\$987,000 and 0 positions

As desktops and laptops are used primarily for basic office automation applications (e.g., spreadsheets and word processing), replacing this inventory at a slower rate is expected to have minimal impact on Department operations. In FY 2012, the Department is proposing to extend the refresh rate of all desktops and laptops by one year, resulting in an offset of \$987,000 for the U.S. Attorneys.

Program Offset - Reduce Physical Footprint: -\$200,000 and 0 positions

It is imperative for DOJ to consider the best and most efficient use of existing resources, including whether the current geographic footprint of offices continues to make sense in an era of technology, which makes communication and outreach easier than ever before. In FY 2012, the Department is consolidating 44 of 1,165 sub-regional office locations (or 3.8 percent of all DOJ sub-regional offices), which will allow components to better utilize existing workspace, as well as enhance information sharing and the ability of regional offices to deconflict efforts and reduce duplicative work. Components will also realize additional savings from the consolidation of facilities and operations services including maintenance, IT systems management, shipping, parking, and other related services. For the U.S. Attorneys, \$200,000 in offset savings will be achieved through reductions to or consolidation of field office space. To minimize the impact on components' operational capability, this offset applies only to GSA rent; staffing reductions are not proposed.

U.S. Attorneys
(Dollars in Thousands)

	U.S. Attorneys		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2010 Appropriation	10,629	10,648	1,934,003
2010 Supplemental	52	52	9,198
2010 Enacted with Supplemental	10,681	10,700	1,943,201
2011 Continuing Resolution	10,629	10,648	1,934,003
2012 Request	10,676	10,787	1,995,149
Change 2012 from 2011 Continuing Resolution	47	139	61,146
Technical Adjustments			
Subtotal Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Adjustments to Base			
Increases:			
ATB Transfers	-5	-5	-4,696
Pay & Benefits	52	144	47,365
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	19,663
Other Adjustments	0	0	0
Subtotal Increases:	47	139	62,332
Decreases:			
Subtotal Decreases:	0	0	0
Total Adjustments to Base	47	139	62,332
Total Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments	47	139	62,332
2012 Current Services	10,676	10,787	1,996,335
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Enhance Data Analysis	0	0	2,000
Subtotal, Program Increase	0	0	2,000
Decreases:			
Program Offset - Administrative efficiencies	0	0	-1,999
Program Offset - Extend Technology Refresh	0	0	-987
Program Offset - Reduce Physical Footprint	0	0	-200
Subtotal, Program Decrease	0	0	-3,186
Total Program Changes	0	0	-1,186
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Comparison by activity and program	2011 Continuing Resolution			2012 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Civil	2,155	2,231	399,338	2,155	2,231	409,994
2. Legal Education	50	49	27,455	50	50	28,178
3. Criminal	8,424	8,368	1,507,210	8,471	8,506	1,558,163
Total	10,629	10,648	1,934,003	10,676	10,787	1,996,335
Reimbursable FTE	0	1,639	0	0	1,639	0
Grand Total	10,629	12,287	1,934,003	10,676	12,426	1,996,335

Comparison by activity and program	2012 Total Program Changes			2012 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Civil	0	0	-236	2,155	2,231	409,758
2. Legal Education	0	0	-45	50	50	28,133
3. Criminal	0	0	-905	8,471	8,506	1,557,258
Total	0	0	-1,186	10,676	10,787	1,995,149
Reimbursable FTE	0	47	0	0	1,686	0
Grand Total	0	47	-1,186	10,676	12,473	1,995,149